(SRI KADIDAL MANJAPPA.)

(*d*) There was no demand for Burma rice from the public.

(*e*) No, but there was some shortage of rice.

(*f*) No.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—Are the Government aware of the fact that cheap grain shops opened by the public of Gadag are incurring loss ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I saw one such depot.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—May I know whether the rice that is supplied now is other than Burma rice ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The reply itself is about Burma rice.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—I am not very particular about the Burma rice. May I know whether the rice that is now supplied is other than the Burma rice in Gadag Town ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I do not know the latest position ; but some time back only Burma rice was supplied to the depots.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—Are the Government aware of the fact that the rice now supplied by the Government is in good demand ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Yes, Sir.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—Are the Government aware of a fact that a person who had opened a fair price shop at Gadag has now closed ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I want notice.

Mr. SPEAKER.—So far as this question is concerned, I intend to draw the attention of the Minister for clarification and, if I am right, the necessary corrections may be made. The aim of the question is :—

(*a*) "how many foodgrain fair price shops were opened in Dharwar District ?"

The answer is :—

"Two agencies are distributing Burma Rice." When information about the shops is being asked, the answer given is "two agencies". Two agencies might have opened some shops. That point may be clarified. It may be two agencies for the whole district. But the agencies might have opened many more shops.

And again for the question in (*b*).—

"(*b*) what are the names of the town or places wherein such foodgrains fair price shops are opened and by whom they are run ;"

in the answer, two names of the agencies are given. But I suppose these are opened, one at Gadag and the other at Nargund. That is what I understand.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—These are the two concerns that have undertaken the distribition of grains, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—But I understand that the Co-operative Society has opened a shop at Nargund and another at Gadag.

Cashewnut Cultivation (South Kanara)

Q.—19. Sri VAIKUNTA BALIGA (Pane-Mangalore).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the acreage in South Kanara under cashewnut cultivation ;

(*b*) whether there is scope for stepping up cashewnut production in South Kanara District or any other district in the State ;

(*c*) the steps they propose to take to help in this direction ?

A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Agriculture):—

(*a*)		*Acres.*
(1) Mangalore Taluk	...	1,075
(2) Coondapur	...	71
(3) Udipi	...	41
(4) Karkal	...	167
(5) Puttur	...	2,552
(6) Belthangady	...	1,622
Total	...	5,528

(*b*) There is much scope for stepping up cashewnut production in South Kanara, as there are over a lakh of acres of Government waste lands which can be brought under casbew cultivation. Cashew thrives well in South Kanara District under varied soil conditions, especially in parts of pure sandy soil along the coast. There

does not appear to be much scope for cashew cultivation in the original Mysore State. Proposals for cashewnut cultivation in North Kanara District are also under consideration of Government.

(*c*) (1) Quality seeds and seedlings to be supplied at concessional price.

(2) The Government intends to make available suitable lands for this purpose free of cost on a long-term lease basis.

(3) Financial assistance for cultivation of cashewnut and issue of fertilizers at concessional rates.

(4) Adopting cashew cultivation on principles of co-operative farming to prevent fragmentation of holdings and to bring waste lands under cultivation.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I want to know whether any definite scheme has been formulated in this direction.

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—The scheme is being formulated but not yet finalised.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—May I know what is the State aid that is proposed to be given in this behalf?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—It is still to be finalised. But I have given the concession and the aid that may be given by the Government in answer (*c*). The exact forms have yet to be finalised.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—May I know whether the Government is aware that the Centre would also give aid and, if so, whether the Central Government has been addressed in this behalf?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Yes, Sir. We are willing to take all the assistance that may be given by the Centre and we are in correspondence with the Centre.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Does the Government propose to expand the staff that may be necessary for the execution of these schemes?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Surely.

Sri C. A. MANDANNA.—Has it come to the notice of Government that such lands are available in Coorg District also?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—I think large areas are available in these two districts, but in other districts also some areas are available. I want to bring to the notice of the Hon'ble Members that Coorg Government has also given a scheme in the Second Five-Year Plan and we are going to implement that scheme.

Sri C. A. MANDANNA.—The answer to (*c*) (2) says: "the lands could be given free of cost on long term basis." May I know the period of this lease?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Of course it is yet to be finalised because we want to find out the life of the trees and adjust accordingly the terms of the lease.

N. E. S. Blocks (Conversion into C. D. Blocks)

Q.—100. Sri G. SIVAPPA (Holalkere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the progress of work turned out and the amount of money spent under N.E.S. Blocks in old Mysore State;

(*b*) the principle under which the N.E.S. Blocks are converted into the intensive Development Blocks (C. D. Blocks);

(*c*) what are the blocks recommended for being converted from ordinary blocks into Intensive Development Blocks by the Development Commissioner in 1956 in old Mysore State;

(*d*) what are the blocks so converted by the Government?

A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) Statements showing the progress of work turned out and the expenditure incurred in the National Extension Service Blocks in the old Mysore State from the inception up to 30th June 1956 are placed on the Table of the House. (*Vide* Legislature Library No. 40—L.A. 1956.) The total amount spent during the period is Rs. 77,57,728.

(*b*) The selection of National Extension Service Blocks for conversion into Community Development Blocks